

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 351

Introduced by Assembly Member Bermudez

February 11, 2003

An act to add Section 5101.12 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 351, as introduced, Bermudez. Vehicles: special license plates: “CAL-PAL” program.

Existing law authorizes the owners of certain vehicles to obtain environmental license plates from the Department of Motor Vehicles, in lieu of regular license plates, upon application for an original or renewal registration and the payment of fees.

This bill would authorize the owners of certain vehicles registered with the department to apply for a set of special “CAL-PAL” reflectorized license plates, and the department would be required to issue those special license plates in lieu of regular license plates.

The bill would require the special “CAL-PAL” reflectorized license plates to be of a distinctive design containing the name “California Police Activities League” and to be available in a special series of letters or numbers, or both, as determined by the department.

The bill would require that certain fees imposed for environmental license plates under existing law apply to these special license plates, in addition to the regular fees charged under existing law for the issuance, renewal, replacement, and transfer of license plates.

The bill would require that the department, after deducting its administrative costs incurred under these provisions, deposit all

revenue derived under these provisions in the “CAL-PAL” License Plate Account, which the bill would establish in the General Fund.

The bill would require the Controller to make the funds in the account available, upon appropriation, to the California Police Activities League for expenditure by that organization in support of its programs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5101.12 is added to the Vehicle Code,
2 to read:

3 5101.12. (a) A person described in Section 5101 may apply
4 for a set of special “CAL-PAL” reflectorized license plates, and
5 the department shall issue those special license plates in lieu of
6 regular license plates.

7 (b) The special “CAL-PAL” reflectorized license plates shall
8 be of a distinctive design containing the name “California Police
9 Activities League” and shall be available in a special series of
10 letters or numbers, or both, as determined by the department.

11 (c) The fees for environmental license plates set forth in
12 Sections 5106 and 5108 apply to these special license plates, in
13 addition to the regular fees charged for the issuance, renewal,
14 replacement, and transfer of license plates.

15 (d) Notwithstanding Section 5107, the department, after
16 deducting its administrative costs incurred under this section, shall
17 deposit all revenue derived under this section in the ‘CAL-PAL’
18 License Plate Account, which is hereby established in the General
19 Fund. Upon appropriation, the Controller shall make the funds in
20 the account available to the California Police Activities League for
21 expenditure by that organization in support of its programs.

